

Border Eagle

Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas ... Together we 'XL'



Newsline

A glance at news affecting Laughlin

Annual awards

The 1999 47th Flying Training Wing annual awards banquet is 6 p.m. Jan. 22 at Club XL. Dress will be mess dress/semi-formal uniform or equivalent attire for civilians.

Cost for is \$10 for club members and \$13 for non-members. Reservations must be purchased no later than noon Tuesday, through Master Sgt. Sandy Harper at 5667.

Office closure

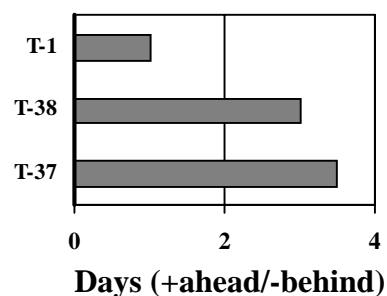
Medical Logistics will be closed for routine business from Feb. 1-4 due to mandatory annual inventory. Customers should examine on-hand stock and forecast any medical supply requirements to prevent work disruption. Only valid emergency or work stoppage requisitions will be processed during the inventory.

For more information, call 6402.

Mission status

(As of Jan. 11)

Student Timeline



Sorties flown in FY 00:
17,563

Hours flown in FY 00:
33,212

Pilot wings earned in FY 00:
75

Pilot wings earned since 1963:
11,460

Base to manage deer overpopulation

By Senior Airman
Mike Hammond
Editor

On Monday, base game wardens began a two-week effort to control the deer population on the base's western side.

The process, scheduled to continue through Jan. 24, is in response to serious overpopulation of the animals on base – which leads to health concerns for the deer and poses risks to human safety as well, according to Sylvestre Sorola, a wildlife biologist for the State of Texas.

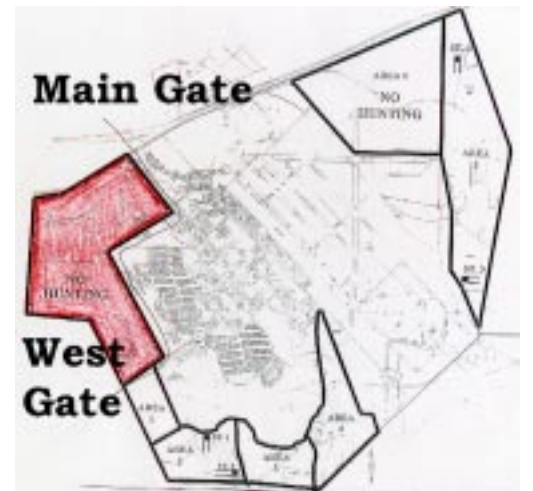
Laughlin's deer population is drastically higher than that of the surrounding area. "The deer population in Val Verde County is one deer per 40 acres of land," Sorola said. "On the eastern side of Laughlin, it's one to every 15 acres – which is actually ideal," he continued. "But on the western side (the area being acted upon) the ratio is one deer per 4.5 acres."

Such a high density of deer can lead to adverse effects on the herd. "Density-dependent diseases such as theileria – a blood protozoan transmitted through insects – can

kill the deer, especially during times of stress, such as the winter months," Sorola explained. Having too many deer in the area can also lead to lower reproduction success, smaller deer (stunted growth), and eventually could result in starvation, the biologist said. Aside from these effects on the deer, overpopulation can also pose problems for the people of Laughlin.

Sorola explained that, due to the recent drought conditions in the area, deer have been flocking from their natural wooded habitat to parts of the base inhabited by humans. They do this, he said, because the lawns and landscaped areas are more regularly watered and therefore have plants and weeds deer like to eat. Numerous deer in the populated area of base can lead to an increased danger of auto accidents caused by deer in the roads.

The deer also have been known to occasionally wander onto the flightline here, posing a risk to aircrews and aircraft performing the mission, said Capt. George Reed, 47th Flying Training Wing safety officer. One example of that danger occurred



The red shaded portion of this base map indicates the area off limits to all personnel through Jan. 24. Deer population control measures are being taken in the area by base game wardens until that date.

when a T-38 from Laughlin struck a deer just prior to touching down for landing at Fort Hood, Texas. The animal was killed, and the aircraft sustained approximately \$39,000 in damage, according to Reed.

In addition to the risk to motorists and pilots, in rare cases, deer can pose a threat to humans in residential areas, Sorola said. "Bucks (mature male deer) in rut (seeking to mate) can become quite aggressive and protective of does (mature female deer)," said Sorola. He said both bucks and does

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Security forces join search, help locate elderly Brackettville woman

By Senior Airman Mike Hammond
Editor

Two members and one military working dog from the 47th Security Forces Squadron helped civilian police and volunteers locate an elderly woman suffering from Alzheimer's disease who had wandered from her home Jan. 7.

The Kinney County Sheriff's Office called the law enforcement desk at approximately 11:30 a.m. that day, requesting assistance in their search for the 86-year-old woman. After coordinat-

ing with authorities here, the two members and the canine left for Brackettville.

Capt. Chris Deguelle, 47 SFS operations officer, and Staff Sgt. Bunje Adams, patrolman and canine handler, arrived with military working dog Kelly at 12:30 p.m. and learned the specifics of the situation.

The woman had wandered from her house sometime the prior night. Kinney County Sheriff's deputies and public services em-

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Warriors and The Little Blue Book

By Maj. Lou Cherry

47th Flying Training Wing Staff Judge Advocate

Just the other day I had the opportunity to talk to a retired Air Force colonel. Not that talking to retired Air Force colonels is anything special. There are lots of retired Air Force colonels. But this conversation was different. It wasn't one of those, oh, you know, "How's the weather" conversations. It wasn't a conversation about law or even about Laughlin. It didn't last long. And in reality it wasn't all that profound. But in reflection, it was a reality check. It covered two topics: warriors and The Little Blue Book. Please allow me to share briefly the high points of this conversation. These high points should be nothing new to anyone. In fact, there shouldn't be a need to review them. But, all of us are human. And all of us, now and then, need a reminder of what we do and who we are.

Each and every one of us is a warrior. If you don't think of yourself as a warrior, you are, in my opinion, in the wrong business. We work for the U.S. Air Force – not U.S. Airways. If you don't think of yourself as a warrior (for example, perhaps you view yourself as a technician), you might be missing the whole point of the U.S. Air Force. After all is said and done, the U.S. Air Force exists for just one reason. And that reason is to defend our nation against all enemies – foreign and domestic. To put it another way: we exist to fight wars. Sure, we say that our primary purpose is to deter war, and this is true. But no one can deter war merely by pushing paper or by punching a computer or by keeping warehouses full or by fixing airplanes or even just by flying airplanes. History teaches us that war is deterred by putting all these things together in a way that allows us to actually fight a war, and to fight it to a conclusion that our potential enemies won't find to their liking. And in this fashion, we deter war.

So, if you don't think of yourself as a warrior because you don't drop bombs on a target or you don't expect to shoot at people, at least remember that you are a necessary part of an organization that can do these things, that exists to do them, and which in fact has done them. Be a warrior first and then everything else

will come naturally. That's the ticket – warrior-lawyer or warrior-cop or warrior-personnelist or warrior-pilot. Whatever it is, it's still a warrior. To put it another way, we are airmen first. We must never forget that.

As warriors, we must live by and follow standards set by the President, Congress, the Secretary of Defense, Air Force leadership, and our commanders. Just like the civilian world, we must live by rules. We must have rules and discipline. After all, we are a government of law, not a government of men. You don't need to look any further than The Little Blue Book: United States Air Force Core Values. It's right in there. Where, you ask? Try core value number two: Service Before Self. The Air Force's senior leadership decided that rule following was so important, the concept should be included in the core values. It isn't all that difficult of a concept when you come to think of it.

"Rule Following. To serve is to do one's duty, and our duties are most commonly expressed through rules. While it may be the case that professionals are expected to exercise judgment in the performance of their duties, good professionals understand that rules have a reason for being, and the default position must be to follow those rules unless there is a clear, operational reason for refusing to do so."

We must follow the rules unless there is a "clear operational reason" not to do so. It's clear. It's precise. And it's the rule! By following the rules, we maintain discipline. By maintaining discipline, we remain an armed force – and avoid becoming an armed rabble. Being a government of law and not a government of men applies to the U.S. Air Force, too. We don't just follow the rules when someone is looking. We don't ignore rules when we think no one will ever know that we are violating the rules. We don't just pick and choose which rules to follow. We don't ignore rules because we don't like them. There is no such thing as situational honor.

Some may think that these topics are elementary. But I don't. We all need a reminder. We all need a reality check now and then. So be a warrior and follow the rules.

1st Sergeants Council extends thanks to base for Operation Jingle success

The 1st Sergeants Council would like to extend our personal gratitude to Team XL on behalf of the 47 FTW enlisted personnel and their families. Your donations ensured all Laughlin families were able to afford a holiday season filled with the traditional trimmings. This year, thanks to your generosity, a total of more than five thousand dollars was distributed to Laughlin families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Again, thank you for your caring spirit – YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!



Base thanked for Angel Tree gifts

Dear Chaplain Hough (and all who had a part in making the children happy),

Wish you could have seen the children's faces when they saw their gifts! Each child's shopping bag was filled and overflowing with lovely, lovely things that they will enjoy for a long, long time. You outdid yourselves. You could not have given gifts that were any more appreciated than those you sent.

Thank you so very much for making this Christmas a very special treat for children who do not have a Mom or Dad to provide for them. ("The rendering of this service not only supplies the wants of the saints – children – but also overflows in many thanksgivings to God." – 2Corinthians 9:12)

May God bless you and have a very Happy New Year 2000!



Gratefully in Him,

Bob and Betty King
Founders and directors,
Hungry Kids International, Inc.

Actionline

Call 298-5351

when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

W. W. Scott III

Col. Winfield W. Scott III

47th Flying Training Wing commander



Call: I recently had a problem at the BX. I had given them film to develop and someone went in my developed photos and removed a photo of me. I was personally disturbed because this seems to be

against my right to privacy. I tried to resolve this by asking if photos could be kept behind the ID desk for security and the lady working stated it would be unlikely and would make a longer line and the only thing I could do is put in a

customer comment card. Can anything else can be done about this incident?

Response: Thank you for your inquiry. We're sorry you're missing a picture from your packet. After further consideration of the photo-pickup

location, we have moved it to the new-and-improved front checkout/customer service area. We hope this new location provides a better sense of security and protection to our customers' property.

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**“Excellence –
not our goal, but
our standard.”**
– 47 FTW motto

Safety Stats

As of Dec. 20, 1999
(Fiscal Year)

	'00	Total '99
On-duty mishaps	1	5
Off-duty mishaps	1	12
Traffic mishaps	0	2
Sports & Rec mishaps	1	6
Fatalities	0	0

Base allowance housing rates for 2000 released

Defense Department officials recently announced new Basic Allowance for Housing rates, which took effect Jan. 1 and apply to all military services.

“The good news is the rates for people living in high-cost areas are increasing,” said Maj. Justo Rivera, chief of Air Force Pay and Allowance Policy. “On the other hand, over half of our Air Force installations are located in areas with lower housing costs and, over time, newly assigned people there will receive lower BAH rates. However, the lower rates will not apply to those who are currently living in these areas, as they are “rate protected.”

Under this “protection,” if BAH rates decrease, members’ current allowances remain unchanged; if the housing allowances increase, members will receive the higher amount.

“The lowered rates will only affect members who arrived at their new assignment after Dec. 31, 1999, since the BAH legislation includes a “rate protection” provision to protect currently assigned members from fluctuating local housing costs,” Rivera said.

He said a significant feature of the new BAH program is, regardless of where airmen are assigned, out-of-pocket expenses are equalized for every

grade. No matter where in the country people move, they’ll have the same out-of-pocket dollar amount within each grade and dependency status.

In enacting DOD’s housing allowance, Congress intended to pay for approximately 85 percent of the national average housing cost for each grade, with the member paying 15 percent “out-of-pocket.” BAH does not cover all of service members’ housing costs.

By law, service members should pay no more than 15 percent of the national median housing cost out-of-pocket. In 1999, the out-of-pocket expenses were approximately 19.8 percent.

The new BAH program, which replaced the Variable Housing Allowance, is intended to provide uniformed service members housing compensation based on comparable civilian costs of housing. BAH is based on rental costs by pay grade, dependency status and location. It’s designed as a partial reimbursement to assist service members and their families in affording suitable off-base housing.

According to Rivera, some key improve-

ments of the housing allowance program include a cost-based system that is more efficient and responsive to the growing housing costs than the previous system. The new BAH methodology also ended the creeping growth in members’ out-of-pocket expenses. Another change is the elimination of annual housing surveys and VHA offset.

“The VHA offset was a negative incentive since it authorized finance offices to recoup a portion of the allowance when individuals did not use their full housing allowance. In addition, we got rid of the annual requirement to provide a copy of the lease or rental agreement to the finance office,” Rivera said.

“A key factor of the old and new housing allowance methodologies

remains our commitment to ensure that the typical service member of a given grade and dependency status will not be penalized — or rewarded — for assignment to a high or low housing cost area,” he added.

“We will continue to take every reasonable step to ensure housing allowances are accurate and equitable.”

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Air Force continues close watch on Y2K

By Staff Sgt.
Cynthia Miller

American Forces Press News

Even as the Y2K rollover fades into a non-mission threatening event, Air Force officials say they will continue monitoring for potential problems throughout the year.

“The weekend (of Jan. 1) was a holiday weekend, and although we were still conducting our business worldwide, we weren’t stressing all of our systems,” said Brig. Gen. Gary Ambrose, director of the Air Force Year 2000 Office.

As anticipated, there have been no mission-threatening failures; however, there have been a few small malfunctions.

“We’ve had some minor failures, along the lines of bad date stamps on receipts, and a case where a piece of old hardware wasn’t Y2K compliant,” the general said.

“In some cases rebooting the system corrected the problem, while some of the failures

will require the software programmers to write a patch to permanently fix the problems — but there has been nothing major in any Air Force system,” he said.

Monitoring systems for Y2K-related anomalies will continue throughout the year.

“We don’t believe it’s over. Not all programs are

run every day; not all systems are used every day and they’re not used in every possible way you can use them every day,” Ambrose said. “There are some programs you run once a week, month, quarter or year that may have Y2K anomalies that will surface down the road.”

According to Ambrose, the next big test for Y2K is the rollover between Feb. 28 and March 1.

“Normally, the turn of the century is not a leap year,” he said. “So, the programs have to

take that into account, and in some of the tests already run, the programs don’t recognize the 29th of February — they roll from the 28th into March 1st.”

Potential problems associated with the leap year include

wrong date stamps and systems operating on the wrong date, which could affect passwords and codes.

Ultimately, the potential for Y2K problems exists right up to Dec. 31, because the year has 366 days and systems must recognize the extra day.

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– **Brig. Gen. Gary Ambrose**

Director, Air Force Year 2000

Family childcare program starts

Every day, more than 15,000 children of Air Force members and civilians are cared for in licensed family child care homes on Air Force bases.

These family child care homes play a significant role in helping Air Force families provide care for their children while they are performing their military duty.

Air Force-wide, over 40 percent of the child care offered is in family child care homes with the remainder in child development centers and school age programs. Here, there are currently 18 licensed family child care homes, providing care for more than 100 children per day.

Few modifications have been made in the Air Force program since it was first

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Chapel Schedule

Catholic

-Daily Mass 12:05 p.m.

-Saturday Mass 5 p.m.

-Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

-Confession 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, or by appointment.

-Choir 6 p.m. Thursdays.

-Sunday school 11 a.m., religious education building.

Protestant

-General worship 11 a.m.

-Bible study video luncheon

11 a.m. Thursday, chapel fellowship hall.

-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., religious education building.

Jewish

Max Stool

219 West Strickland St.

Del Rio, Texas

Phone: 775-4519

For more information on chapel events and services, call 5111.

Laughlin new arrivals

■ **Daniel D. Wolfer III:** 8 lb., 15 oz. boy born Nov. 25 to Maj. Daniel D. Wolfer, Jr., 87th Flying Training Squadron, and Capt. Carolyn E. Wolfer, 47th Medical Support Squadron.

■ **Andrew J. Meador, Jr.:** 8 lb., 3 oz. boy born Dec. 10 to 1st Lt. Andrew J. Meador, 84th Flying Training Squadron, and Heather

Badeaux Meador.

■ **Kasey L. Eastland:** 7 lb., 6 oz. girl born Dec. 12 to Capt. Kevin Eastland, 86th Flying Training Squadron, and Chrystal Eastland.

■ **Mia A. Noonan:** 6 lb., 7 oz. girl born Dec. 31 to Capt. David Vance Noonan, 84th Flying Training Squadron, and Kimberley Mae Noonan.

The *XL*er

Hometown: Brownsville, Texas.

Family: Wife, Leesa Jo; dog, Misty.

Time at Laughlin: 7 months.

Time in service: 10 months.

Why did you join the Air Force family? Too many good opportunities to pass up.

Name one way to improve life at Laughlin: Start a base boxing team.

Greatest accomplishment: Being where I am today.

Long-term goals: Graduate college and have a few kids.

Hobbies: Football, baseball, basketball and boxing.

Favorite food, beverage:

Hot wings and Bud Light.

Bad habit: I spit too much.

Motto: Don't give up.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Airman Daniel Gutierrez Jr.

47th Operations Support Squadron

Don't ever give up. Never!

If you could spend one hour with an historical figure, who

would it be and why? Jimi Hendrix. I would get a few guitar lessons from him.

New millennium brings reminder of importance of having personal legal affairs in good order

By Tech. Sgt. Beth Smith

47th Flying Training Wing law office

Now that the hoopla of Y2K and the dawning of the new millennium are behind us, it's a good time to make one more resolution – get your personal legal affairs in order. It's probably one of the easiest resolutions to keep. It isn't difficult; you don't have to travel far to accomplish it; and it costs you absolutely nothing but your time. And in our opinion, it's time well spent. Here, for your quick reference and information, is a guide to what is covered by the Laughlin personal legal assistance program.

Personal legal assistance is given on a walk-in basis on Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 8 to 9 a.m. at the base law office – located in building 338. Military in uniform are seen first. In the event of an emergency, an attorney is available at any time, but personal legal assistance will not be provided over the phone. Active duty military personnel, military retirees of all services, and their dependents are eligible to receive personal legal assistance.

It would be impossible to completely describe all of the personal legal services rendered by the law office. On the other hand, personal legal advice is available on marriage, divorce, community property, adoption, civil damage actions, insurance, indebtedness, automobile registration, and contracts. We also review bills of sale, leases and other legal papers, assist in preparing income tax returns, offer Notary Public services, and write your last will and testament.

Although the personal legal services provided by the law office are extensive, AFI 51-504, Legal Assistance, Notary and Preventive Law Programs, prohibits base law offices from engaging in certain actions including:

Assuming the function of an advocate in any personal legal assistance matter. (Personal legal assistance is limited to services furnished to the client, such as advice and preparation of certain documents); appearing in

person before foreign or domestic civil courts, tribunals, or government agencies; signing any letters on the client's behalf without the client's consent; conveying the impression that a personal legal assistance attorney expresses in any way the official views of the Air Force, or that the opinions or views of the personal legal assistance attorney will be binding upon the Air Force or the federal government; receiving confidences from anyone in any case in which any person is or might be the subject of a court-martial charges or investigation, other disciplinary action, administrative board actions, or civilian criminal actions, or offering any assistance regarding such a case, unless the attorney has been assigned to serve as counsel by the Staff Judge Advocate; assisting with or giving any advice on business endeavors; acting as a collection agency or lending aid to defeat the fair collection of any just debt or obligation; or advising or assisting clients on official or military problems which properly are within the jurisdiction of other staff offices or federal or state agencies. (Personal legal assistance does not normally extend to matters such as assignments, promotions, demotions, or pay problems. These matters must instead be addressed to the office concerned.)

To get the most out of the legal assistance program, we suggest you disclose all the facts concerning your legal problem, including those that are unfavorable to you. Additionally, you should bring with you any paperwork in connection with your legal matter. Only in this way can the personal legal assistance attorney properly advise you.

Do not hesitate to talk freely to your personal legal assistance attorney. As a client, what you tell a lawyer in confidence cannot normally be disclosed under military or civilian law without your consent and the lawyer cannot normally be forced to violate this confidence by either military or civilian court order.

You may wonder why the law provides such a privi-



Photo by Senior Airman Mike Hammond

Capt. John Hackethorn, 86th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, receives personal legal assistance from Tech. Sgt. Beth Smith, law office manager.

lege. It is primarily to promote justice. It encourages you, the client, to tell your personal legal assistance attorney everything the attorney must know about your problem to be able to fully help and advise you. Anything you tell your personal legal assistance attorney when you are seeking a personal legal assistance attorney's advice about your personal or family affairs is privileged. This privilege may extend to conversations, letters, photographs, charts, and other documents and records. The privilege belongs to you as the client and not to your personal legal assistance attorney. If you break the confidence, your lawyer may do so also because the communication is then no longer confidential. You may break such a confidence by testifying in court, talking about it in public, or otherwise letting unauthorized persons hear or see what was communicated.

Because of this confidential relationship between you and your personal legal assistance attorney, your at

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From the Blotter (47th Security Forces Squadron)



Dec. 20 – A 911 call reported that a civilian flightline worker was having convulsions and bleeding. The individual was transported to Val Verde Regional Medical Center.

Dec. 21 – A civilian employee at the commissary was detained for assault after a disagreement with co-workers. Assault charges are pending through the U.S. Magistrate's Office.

Dec. 26 – An active duty member was apprehended for assaulting his spouse while he was intoxicated. He was later released to his first sergeant.

Dec. 27 – The Texas Department of Public Safety requested an explosive detection dog

to search a suspicious vehicle downtown. The dog found nothing.

Dec. 28 – The Val Verde Sheriff's Office requested assistance in serving a warrant to a civilian employee. He was contacted and reported to the law enforcement desk. A sheriff's deputy arrested him.

Jan. 7 – The Kinney County Sheriff's Office requested humanitarian assistance to locate an elderly Alzheimer's patient who had gotten lost. Security Forces K-9 "Kelly" was dispatched. The missing individual was located and transported to the Val Verde Medical Center.

EMERGENCY CALL 911, NON-EMERGENCY CALL 5100

From the 47th Medical Group

By Hank Bowman

47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

Many people have made New Years resolutions. Most of these goals will probably fall into two categories: self-improvement and lifestyle enhancement.

As with the majority, a little change in either category would be very beneficial. The problem is, once goals are set and someone starts on a new path, many obstacles spring up to derail their good intentions. Here is some advice to make those resolutions last:

- Set realistic goals. If it sounds too difficult, it probably will be.
- Don't expect to lose 50 pounds in two weeks – it won't happen. One can't expect to reverse years of use and abuse overnight.
- Plan to succeed. Seek professional counsel, keep a journal and get a partner with common goals.
- Start now – don't procrastinate.

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(if aggressive) can harm humans considerably in the rare event of an attack.

While Sorola explained that the deer problem at Laughlin is not yet at the level of disease or starvation considered to trigger “danger of imminent die-off,” he said there is a definite need to manage the captive deer population. “With the high fences

around Laughlin, you have a captive population of deer with no natural large predators, so we need to take the place of the natural large predator and thin the population out.”

There are two main ways to thin a deer population. One is to trap the deer and transport them elsewhere. In this case, Sorola explained, that option is not feasible. “If you trap the deer, you

then have to have a place to take them. At this time, there is no place in Texas that either wants more deer or can sustain them on the land in that area,” he said. “Trapping deer also costs money – about \$300 per deer, roughly,” he added. As Laughlin needs to thin the population by 50 deer, the cost would be about \$15,000.

With trapping ruled out, the base game wardens applied for a

special hunting permit to bring the deer population in line with what the environment can sustain. Four base game wardens will harvest up to 50 deer (40 does and 10 spike bucks) to accomplish that goal, according to Staff Sgt. Kurt Rohl, base game warden.

The harvesting will take place during normal hunting hours, from one half-hour before sunrise to one half-hour after sunset.

Residents can expect to hear the most noise during the morning and evening times. The deer then will be turned over to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens, who will process the meat and distribute it to local needy families.

The wooded areas from the main gate (including the horse stables and nature trail) to the west gate are off limits for all personnel throughout the harvest period. Personnel from the 47th Security Forces Squadron have blocked access to the areas with plastic barriers, cones, tape and additional signs.

“We love our wildlife here at Laughlin,” said Col. Skip Scott, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, “but due to the fact that they do not have a natural predator here, they have begun to migrate from their habitat – endangering personal and flight safety. This is the best solution to ensure not only our safety, but the well-being of our wildlife population.”

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ployees brought Adams and Kelly to the woman’s house to obtain a scent. Kelly led the searchers to a yard approximately one block away before losing the scent. Kelly was then brought back to the house, where she smelled the clothes the woman had worn the day before. Before being distracted by the scent of dead animal carcasses coming from a nearby field, Kelly led the searchers to a field adjoining the yard where the woman was eventually found.

The search lasted approximately three hours in inclement weather before the woman was discovered by a Kinney Co. Sheriff’s Deputy and searchers on horseback. Kinney Co. EMS transported the woman to Val Verde Medical Center for treatment.

While Kelly was not able to pinpoint the woman’s exact location, Adams said he was glad to help in the search. “I was glad to help out and glad she was found alive,” he said. “This is my job – and I love doing it.”

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“Like an unchecked cancer, hate corrodes the personality and eats away its vital unity. Hate destroys a man’s sense of values and his objectivity. It causes him to describe the beautiful as ugly and the ugly as beautiful, and to confuse the true with the false and the false with the true.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Question of the week
What can we do to further the efforts of Martin Luther King Jr.?



“Give everyone the ability to achieve their full potential.”

1st Lt. William Johnson
47th Communications Squadron



“Provide publicity throughout the community to educate people about his dreams and achievements.”

Airman 1st Class Elisa Backmon
47th Mission Support Squadron



“Emphasize equal rights at a younger age.”

Staff Sgt. Gerald McIntosh
47th Comptroller Flight



“Be fair and treat people individually as equals.”

Tech. Sgt. Rory Fleury
47th Flying Training Wing

Armed Services YMCA announces art, essay contests

Armed Services YMCA recently released Jan. 4 information about its Millennium 2000 essay and art contests for the youth of military communities worldwide.

The two contests are components of Armed Services YMCA support to military and DOD civilian employee families serving the country at installations and remote assignments throughout the world.

The Young Readers Project Essay Contest is open to children from preschool through high school, with more than 20 U.S. Savings Bonds awarded to the top entries. The entry deadline is March 31.

The top prizes of \$1,000 bonds will be awarded to two high school students (one overseas and one in the U.S.), and \$500 bonds awarded to winning students in the seventh and eighth grade, fourth to sixth grade, and preschool through third grade. An additional 15 U.S. Savings Bonds of \$100 each will go to students who earn honorable mentions.

Schools and libraries are encouraged to incorporate this contest into their curriculums and youth activities. Families in remote assignments are invited to involve their children.

The contest is open to youth of all military families including the Coast Guard, Reserve, National Guard and DOD civilian employees.

The Armed Services YMCA, in cooperation with the U.S. Naval Institute, began this program in 1997 as an incentive to develop a love of books and knowledge among America's military families. As an independent publisher of professional military books, histories and

magazines, the Naval Institute is committed to the development of reading and writing skills at all ages.

"The Naval Institute is pleased to be able to help reaffirm the importance of reading for the youth of military families," said retired Navy Rear Adm. Thomas Marfiak, chief executive officer and publisher of the Naval Institute. "The electronics age has made it even more important for young people to develop their love of reading and writing."

More than 12,000 children have participated in the Young Readers Project essay contest since it began four years ago.

This marks the fifth year for the Armed Services YMCA art contest, which is open to all elementary school children kindergarten through sixth grade.

Five \$500 U.S. Savings Bonds will be awarded to winning students, and five honorable mentions will receive \$100 bonds. One of the entries will be selected to be the Millennium 2000 Military Family Week poster for Military Family Week (Nov. 19-26). The poster is distributed to military installations throughout the world.

Two winners will be selected from each of the military branches. Children from active duty, Reserve, National Guard and DOD civilian employee families are welcome to participate.

GEICO Direct has co-sponsored this project with

the Armed Services YMCA since it was introduced in 1996. More than 8,000 children have participated during that time.

Youth wishing to submit entries should enter essays through the contest e-mail address: Y2KEssayContest@asymca.org; or send essays or artwork by regular mail to Armed Forces YMCA, 6225 Brandon Ave. suite 215, Springfield, Va. 22150-2510.

Families without Internet access can call (703) 866-1260 for rules and forms.

"We recognize that the true value of reading, writing and art is found in the pleasure and sense of accomplishment that

come from participating in those activities," said Armed Services YMCA National Executive Director retired Rear Adm. Frank Gallo. "However, we feel that other incentives can be helpful in encouraging the development of these valuable skills. We and our co-sponsors are pleased to offer U.S. Savings Bonds to the young people who participate."

The Armed Services YMCA, in addition to its national programs, operates more than 60 program centers through its branches and affiliates across the nation.

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– Rear Adm. Frank Gallo
YMCA National Executive Director

First chief master sergeant of the Air Force compares past, present enlisted force

By Paul W. Airey

Retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

There is a tendency for many of us to look back and see what has happened or transpired during the course of a year. Rather than looking back on the past year, I want to look back 57 years to 1942, when I first enlisted in the United States Army Air Force.

My active-duty service encompassed three wars, the Berlin airlift, the Cuban missile crisis and many years of the Cold War with the Soviet block.

I'm mentioning this for more reasons than to reminisce about the past; I'd like

to compare the Air Force of yesterday to the Air Force of today. I'll skip over the fantastic advances we've made in space, weapons systems and hardware and stick to the people – still the Air Force's most valuable asset.

In the late 1940s, two significant events took place. In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act, allowing the Air Force to become a separate branch of the service. Shortly thereafter, in 1948, segregation in the armed forces ended. These two events opened doors and created opportunities that many people never dreamt

possible – they gave us a better-rounded noncommissioned officer corps.

I am amazed at the educational level of today's enlisted airmen. It's easy to equate the enlisted force of today to the officer corps I knew in World War II. We now have NCOs and airmen performing duties historically done by officers. In addition, the majority of officers in the 1940s did not have degrees; many of today's airmen do – a testament to the dedication and opportunities afforded to today's force.

The outstanding training we give as a result of professional military education

has also done a lot to make the enlisted force what it is today. Young airmen with an average of five years in service are given management and leadership training that often far exceeds that provided in the civilian sector.

Along with this, we have a remarkable enlisted promotion system. A system that's been in effect for more than 30 years with only minor changes.

Of course, there is no segment of our military society that has made more progress than women in the armed forces. I remember the days of the

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Women’s Army Auxiliary and the Women’s Army Corps. Women in the Air Force today are full-fledged members of our great service; standing right alongside male counterparts.

We’ve also made great leaps in quality-of-life issues. Never in my wildest dreams did I foresee a day when all airmen who live on base would have their own dorm rooms. Other quality-of-life additions such as the creation of family support centers, child development centers, better family quarters and unique travel opportunities have contributed to what recruiters call “a great way of life.”

I realize there are many frustrations that today’s airmen deal with; problems such as constant rotations, single parenting and family separations. However, these frustrations are a fact of life and have always been present.

I firmly believe the Air Force of today is far better than it was 50, 20 or even 10 years ago. I also have no doubt that the Air Force of the future will still offer a rewarding career for those who are willing to accept the challenges. I look forward to seeing many more enlisted breakthroughs as we head into the future, such as the first enlisted person in space.

Our country and our Air Force will always need dedicated, patriotic airmen who are willing to place their duties ahead of their personal likes and desires. We have always had people like that.

(Editors note: Paul W. Airey was the first chief master sergeant of the Air Force. He served in that position from April 1967 to July 1969. He retired from active duty Aug. 1, 1970.)

‘Goals,’ from page 5

- Hold yourself accountable. Recognize the difference between what is perceived and what is real.
- Evaluate and reevaluate programs and goals. Find out what works and what doesn’t.
- Be patient – Rome wasn’t built in a day. It takes 21 days to make or break a habit. Give yourself enough time for the change to become permanent.

‘Legal,’ from page 5

ttorney is prevented by regulation from receiving confidences from you in any case in which you are, or probably will be, the subject of court-martial investigation or charges, other disciplinary action, administrative board action, or civilian criminal action. The personal legal

assistant attorney may not offer you any assistance regarding such a case other than to advise you that personal legal assistance personnel may receive confidences relating to civil (as distinguished from criminal) legal problems only. You have the right to consult civilian counsel at your expense. You

may ask that military legal counsel be appointed to help and advise you in possible disciplinary/administrative actions.

The personal legal assistance program also includes the free services of a Notary Public. Notaries have authority to administer oaths, to take and certify the acknowledgment and

proof of conveyances, and to exercise such other powers as may belong to a notary public according to commercial use. Copies of official records cannot be notarized.

So make one more resolution. Get your personal legal affairs in order. It’s one resolution you’ll never regret.

‘Child’ from page 3

implemented in 1983, but that is about to change. A new Air Force family child care instruction became effective Nov. 1. The new requirements will not impact how much parents pay for family child care, but are designed to give parents more choice in the care they select and more information about the choices available to them. And,

for the first time, spouses of active duty members and military retirees will be eligible to participate in the Air Force Family Child Care Program by affiliating with the on-base program.

Under the new program, there will be four levels of family child care licenses: provisional, standard, developmental and accredited. During the first three months, new providers

will be given a provisional license to ensure they are able to comply with the Air Force’s standards for family child care homes. At the end of the three months, if they are complying, they will be licensed for the remainder of the two years. During the first two years of licensing, providers may choose to operate at any of the three latter levels, but after the first two years, they must advance to the developmental level. All of the levels of licensing ensure that parents will receive care that protects their children’s health and safety, while the two latter types of homes (developmental and accredited) will offer more activities and experience to prepare children for school and support their overall development.

Information about the new program and the timeline for implementing it on this base is currently being provided to parents, currently licensed providers, and individuals interested in becoming licensed or affiliated.

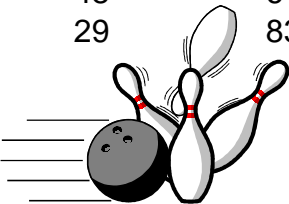
To find out the time and place of the meetings being held on the new program, or to ask other questions, contact the family member support flight chief at 4337, or the Services family child care office at 5631.

Intramural flag football standings

AFC	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	NFC	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
87th II	4	0	OSS	6	0
CES I	2	0	85th	5	1
86th	2	1	LSI	4	2
47 MED	2	2	MSS	2	4
SFS	1	3	87th	2	4
OSS II	0	2	CES II	2	4
CON/SVS	0	3	LCSAM	0	6

Bowling standings (as of Jan. 12)

Teams	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
OSS	86	26
Services	65	47
47 MED	51	61
47 SFS	68	44
CES	68	44
Boeing	52	60
47 FTW	48	64
CDC	47	65
47 MSS	48	64
47 COMM	29	83



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Wildcard playoff
pick results

Mike Hammond – 4
R.B. Robinson – 4
Mike McNeil – 3
Johnny Rincon – 3
Charlie Rodriguez – 2
Tony Holmes – 2

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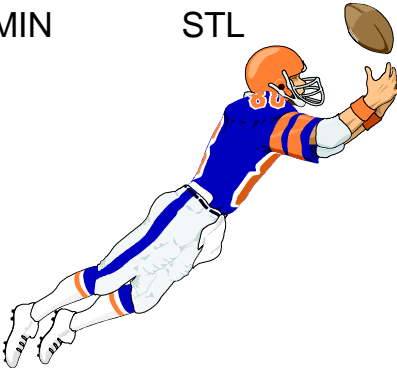


Players’ NFL playoff picks

Each correct pick of weekly matchups earns a player one point, accumulating weekly. The top three players from the second half of the season will compete against the top three from the first half to determine the overall champion at the end of the playoffs. This weeks plaoff matchups are (home teams in bold): MIA – JAX, TEN– IND, WAS– T.B., MIN– STL.

<i>Mike</i>	<i>Tony</i>	<i>Mike</i>	<i>Charlie</i>
<u>Hammond</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>McNeil</u>	<u>Rodriquez</u>
JAX	JAX	MIA	MIA
IND	TEN	TEN	IND
WAS	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.
STL	STL	MIN	STL

<i>R.B.</i>	<i>Johnny</i>
<u>Robinson</u>	<u>Rincon</u>
JAX	JAX
IND	IND
WAS	T.B.
STL	STL



Leaning Pines Golf Course has scheduled tournaments for 2000. Below is this year’s schedule.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Jan. 22	Individual handicap
Feb. 4, 5	Del Rio High School
Feb. 19	Blind Draw
March 4	Chicago Points
March 18	Individual handicap
April 29, 30	Commanders Invitational
May 6	AYUDE
May 20	Border Patrol
June 3	Maintenance
June 17	Val Verde
July 4	Red, White and Blue
July 14	Kids Fishing Tournament
July 22	Blind Draw
Aug. 5	Chicago Points
Aug. 19	4-man Scramble
Sept. 2,3	Base Championship
Sept. 23	2-man Best Ball
Oct. 23	Overseeding
Nov. 18	Turkey Shoot
Dec. 9	Chicago Points
Dec. 16	Turkey Shoot

(All other weekends are open play. Anyone interested in scheduling a tournament, call 5451).

PA notes

- Publication deadline for items submitted to the Border Eagle is 4:30 p.m. Thursday, one week prior to the issue you want the item to appear in.
- The public affairs office will be closed for training Fridays at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call 5262.

OSC auction

The Laughlin Officer Spouse Club charitable auction will be Saturday at Club XL.

Preview is 6 p.m., and the auction starts at 7 p.m. All proceeds benefit the OSC scholarship program.

For reservations, call 298-1206 or 768-3690.

Volunteers needed

The Air Force is looking for enthusiastic applicants to fill a position at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Individuals with culinary experience are highly desirable. However, if you possess a “can-do” attitude and have the ability to interact with senior officers, enlisted aide duty may be for you. If interested, please review eligibility criteria and application procedures listed in AFI 36-2123, management of enlisted aides.

As a minimum, the package should contain legible copies of your last five EPRs, a resume, two full-length 8x10-inch photographs in service dress, and recommendation letters from your commander and command chief master sergeant. Desired locations for reassignment should be listed on the enlisted aide resume cover brief located at attachment 1 of the AFI and submitted with your application.

Volunteers must be second term, career airmen, in the grade of senior airman and above. First term airmen and selective reenlistment bonus recipients are not eligible to apply.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact 2Lt Jennifer Fehl at Ext. 5487.

Phone equipment update

The Benefits and Entitlements Service Team automated phone system will be unavailable for about four hours beginning at 9 a.m. Jan. 22. The Automatic Call Distribution System equipment is being updated. Employees will be able to use the web-based Employee Benefits Information System during this timeframe. Upon completion of the update, the system will be back on line for business as usual.

Toastmasters

The Laughlin Toastmasters International Club meets in the base chapel fellowship hall every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Guests are welcome, and brown bag lunches are acceptable. Membership is open to the entire community.

For more information on the Toastmasters, visit www.toastmasters.org, contact Kirk Johnson at J3997@email.msn.com, or call 298-7824.

Leaders needed

Del Rio Composite Squadron 42427 of the Civil Air Patrol needs senior leaders. Military members over 21



Photos by Senior Airman Mike Hammond

Nice wheels!

George Hernandez and Lucy Giron, material handlers for Lear-Siegler, Inc., clean the exterior of a forklift and the engine of a half-ton pickup truck, respectively. Hernandez was the annual winner of the Top Wheels competition in the Special Purpose category, while Giron was the best in the General Purpose category. The Top Wheels competition judges entrants on the cleanliness and upkeep of government vehicles under their care.

years of age are preferred, but military service is not required.

For more information, call 778-2313.

Patient interpreters needed

The 47th Medical Group needs interpreters for patients. Anyone proficient in a second language and interested in interpreting for patients who do not speak English, please call Master Sgt. Mark Bowersox at 6302.

PMEGA officers election

The Professional Military Education Graduate Association is looking for new officers: president, vice president and treasurer. Anyone interested should attend the next Noncommissioned Officer Association/PMEGA meeting 11 a.m. Jan. 21 in the civil engineer readiness classroom, building 60. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Gerald McIntosh at 4111.

No trespass area

The base combat arms firing range – building 1100 – located at the extreme south end of Fourth street, adjacent to the water collection ponds, is a no trespass area. Weapons being fired makes this area dangerous.

Anyone with a valid reason to enter the firing range area should contact Staff Sgt. Keith Hellwig at 5151 or the law enforcement desk at 5100.

Water purchases

Drinking water cannot be purchased with the IMPAC card. Anyone authorizing or purchasing water on IMPAC may be required to reimburse the government. Air Force organizations may purchase drinking water with appropriated funds only when it is deemed a necessary expense, such as when:

- Public water supply is unsafe.
- There is an emergency failure of the water source on the installation.
- A temporary facility has no drinking water available within a reasonable distance.

- No drinking water is available without cost or at a lower cost to the government.

This is in accordance with AFI 65-601, Vol 1, 4.45. Special Drinking Water.

Questions can be directed to Barbara Voss at 5590.

Recycling, refuse

The method of surveillance for refuse and recycling service for the base housing and mobile home residents is customer complaint. Other recycling center notes:

- The base recycles scrap metal, insulated wire, aluminum, tin cans, plastic one and two, glass, newspaper, commissary bags, magazines, cardboard and junk mail. These items should not go into the trash.
- The recycling center has free scrap wood available for wood crafting or other projects.
- Styrofoam packing peanuts can be dropped off at Mail Boxes Etc., 1801 Avenue F. MBE will reuse the peanuts inside parcels they send out. This a great way to recycle and keep styrofoam out of trash.

The recycling center, building 2018, is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

For more information, call 5247.

Lawn maintenance

The lack of rainfall in South Texas makes it necessary to continue a lawn watering routine all year long. Even though it is winter, members in base housing are encouraged to water their yards at least once every three days. Yard inspections continue throughout the year, so everyone should maintain the yards, especially by raking leaves at this time of year.

For more information, call Denise Pace at 4198.

Pool tournament

An 8-ball pool tournament will be held at 10 a.m. Jan. 29 at the Fiesta Center game room. The tournament is singles 8-ball, double elimination, best two out of three games. The entry fee is \$5, which covers prize money, plus refreshments for all participants. Sign-up deadline is Jan. 26. Call 5474 for more details.